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SUBJ: FY 76 IV PROGRAM

1. MISSION EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MET AUGUST 1 IN A SPECIAL SESSION CHAIRED BY ACTING DCM AND ATTENDED BY THE AMBASSADOR, SECTION CHIEFS, AND PERTINENT AGENCY HEADS. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF ITS CPP AND IN PARTICULAR ITS PLANNING OF IV GROUPS.

2. SPECIAL INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN SENDING (1) SEVERAL POLITICAL LEADER GROUPS TO OBSERVE KEY PRIMARIES AND CONVENTIONS, (2) A LABOR GROUP (TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE THIRD WEEK IN OCTOBER), (3) A GROUP OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS, (4) A BI-CENTENNIAL PROJECT FOR HISTORY PROFESSORS, AMONG OTHER PRIORITIES.

3. THE COMMITTEE ENDORSED THE CONCEPT OF GROUP PROJECTS OF TWO-WEEK DURATION INVOLVING SPECIAL SEMINAR-TYPE INTERCHANGE BETWEEN VENEZUELAN AND AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT IN MANY INSTANCES OFFICIALS AT THE LEVEL SOUGHT CANNOT ABSENT THEMSELVES FROM THEIR POSTS FOR A LONG AS THIRTY DAYS DUE TO THE PRESSURES OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS DURING THIS PERIOD.

4. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED SECTION CHIEFS TO REVIEW NOMINATIONS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION TO GIVE PRIMARY EMPHASIS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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YOUNGER AND MID-CAREER LEVELS.

5. POST WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY SPECIAL BI-CENTENNIAL EVENTS CONTEMPLATE TO WHICH IVWCB# MIGHT BE INVITED AND IS INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER DEPARTMENT CONTINUING THE BROOKINGS SEMINARS TO WHICH IT COULD SEND SEVERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

6. SINCE THE LISTING OF MULTIREGIONAL PROJECTS WAS RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE CPP SUBMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL WISH TO NOTE POST INTEREST IN FOLLOWING MULTIREGIONAL PROJECTS: ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY ECONOMICS (ALREADY SCHEDULED), URBAN GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM, WORLD FOOD NEEDS, WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS.

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